

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND
Public Safety Committee Minutes

Wednesday, January 9, 2019 - 6:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL.

Trustee Jerry Adrian called the regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee to order at 6:30 PM in Conference Room A.

Members present: Tyler Mortenson, Rich Staley, Tom Mooney, Ken Machtan, Village Trustee Carolyn Clow, Village Trustee Jerry Adrian, Sandy Bakk

Members not present: None

Staff Present: Fire Chief Chris Dennis, Police Chief Craig Sherven

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

a. Motion to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2018 meeting.

Motion by Tom Mooney, second by Rich Staley, to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2018 meeting. Motion carries 7 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

4. BUSINESS.

a. Staff Reports

1) Fire and Rescue Department

Chief Dennis reviewed the monthly report.

2) Police Department

Chief Sherven reviewed the monthly report.

3) Emergency Management

Emergency Management Director Di Piazza was unable to attend the meeting. Committee members should contact him with any questions on the monthly report.

b. Discussion and action to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding Ordinance amendment 2018-19: An ordinance amending the municipal code to permit service animals.

Motion by Village Trustee Jerry Adrian, second by Ken Machtan, to remove from the table the Ordinance amendment 2018-19: An ordinance amending the municipal code to permit service animals. Motion carries 7 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

Motion by Ken Machtan, second by Carolyn Clow, to recommend approval to the Village Board of the Ordinance amendment 2018-19: An ordinance amending the municipal code to permit service animals. Motion carries 7 - 0 - by acclamation.

- c. Discussion on sec. 35-159 of the Village ordinance regarding parking heavy vehicles, boats, trailers, and recreation vehicles on public streets and private property.

Motion by Village Trustee Jerry Adrian, second by Ken Machtan, to remove from the table the discussion on sec. 35-159 of the Village ordinance regarding parking heavy vehicles, boats, trailers, and recreation vehicles on public streets and private property. Motion carries 7 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

The Committee discussed the option of a permitting process, rather than an ordinance amendment. The permitting process would be handled by the Police Department and this would make enforcement much easier for Officers on the street.

The Committee directed staff to move forward with this and discussed some of the options of the actual permitting process and the criteria. The Committee also discussed options for temporary or emergency situations.

- d. Discussion on traffic safety concern reports.

The Committee discussed that decisions regarding traffic safety concerns are often more about engineering issues than they are about safety issues and are better addressed by the Public Works Committee. The Committee determined that concerns should go to the Public Works Committee and the Public Safety Committee should be involved only if the issues are more safety than engineering related. The Committee requested that a Departmental policy be created for this revised process.

- e. Update on the process for the creation of a special event permit.

The Committee discussed concerns about the definition of amplified sound, the list of reasons for denial of permits, and the insurance requirements. Chief Sherven indicated that he would make modifications to bring back for review.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Ken Machtan, second by Tom Mooney, to adjourn at 7:57 p.m.

Pursuant to law, written notice of this meeting was given to the public and posted on the public bulletin boards in accordance with Open Meetings Law.

Respectfully submitted,
Tanya O'Malley
Deputy Clerk